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**IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HYDRAULICALLY  
INTERCONNECTING A BOTTLED WATER DISPENSER  
WITH AN AUTOMATIC ICE MAKER AND WATER CHILLER**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

No foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 are claimed.

As the named inventor, I hereby appoint R. Michael West, Registration No. 29599, constituting the firm of Law Offices of R. Michael West, as my attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all

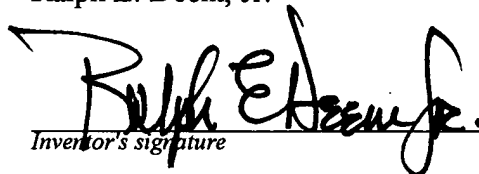
statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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